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**Re: *Petition of the Tennessee Small Local Exchange Company Coalition for Temporary Suspension of 47 U.S.C. § 251(b) and § 251(c) Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(f) and 47 U.S.C. § 253(b).  
Docket No. 99-00613***

Dear Richard:

I am writing in response to Henry Walker's letter to you of July 13, 2001 requesting that the TRA reconvene proceedings in Docket No. 99-00613. Nothing has changed since the parties last briefed this issue. For the reasons stated in Petitioner's Request to Defer Hearing Until Conclusion of Docket No. 00-00537, filed with the TRA on December 29, 2000, and Petitioner's Supplemental Brief Regarding Hearing Date, filed with the TRA on January 16, 2001, this matter should be stayed pending the resolution of issues in the Universal Service for Rural Areas, General Docket (Docket No. 00-00537). The stay conserves valuable resources of both the TRA and the parties; and, as soon as Docket No. 00-00537 is resolved, this case can be reconvened expeditiously.

Sincerely,



R. Dale Grimes

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cc: Henry M. Walker, Esq.